Sanctioning of 210 MW project of NLC

*189. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) when was the 210 MW zero unit project of Neyvelli Lignite Corporation (NLC) sanctioned by Government;

(b) what was the project cost approved by CEA;

(c) when was the decision taken to transfer this project to a private party and the reasons for transfer of ownership;

(d) what is the estimated project cost offered by the private party;

(e) what is the cost of power generation from NLC at resent and how much power is supplied to TNEB;

(f) what would be the cost of generation of zero unit and how much power would be supplied of TNEB; and

(g) whether the PPA has been approved; if so, on what date and if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The 210 MW Thermal Power project, called the Zero Unit project of NLC was sanctioned by the Govt. of India on 23.3.89 at a capital cost of Rs.397.26 crores (7/88 base).

(b) Project cost approved by CEA originally was Rs. 260.47 crores (4/87 base).

(c) The proposal of M/s. ST Power System to implement the Zero Unit (210 MW) project of NLC as a joint venture was approved by the Govt. of India in August, 1992. This project which was sanctioned by the Govt. to be implemented by NLC has been transferred to M/s ST Power Systems Inc. mainly beause of resource constraints and in pursuance of the policy decision enunciated by the Govt. of India to permit private sector participation in generation of electricity.

(d) M/s. ST CMS Electricity Company have proposed to set up 250 MW zero unit power project at Neyveli at an estimated completed cost of Rs.1500.06 crores. However, the project has been accorded techno-economic clearance by CEA at an extimated completed capital cost of Rs.1325.11 crores, subject to certain conditions.

(e) For the year 1995-96, tariff rate in respect of NLCs power stations and the quantum of power supply to TNEB are indicated below:

	Tariff rate excluding royalty paise/kwhr	Quantum of power Supply to TNEB
TS-I (Totally dedicated to Tamil Nadu)	80.00 (Provisional)	600 MW
TS II Stage I	78.35	176 MW out of 630 MW
TS-II Stage II	132.37	265 MW out of 840 MW

(f) and (g) The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is being negotiated.It will be possible to work out the tariff after PPA terms are finalised.

Government Policy on Wheat Export

*190. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Ministr of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-items published in 'Indian Express', dated 26th July, 1995 captioned "Government policy on wheat export fails";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the minimum export price of wheat fixed was not competitive in the global market;

(d) whether shortage of rail wagons is also causing hurdles in the inter-State movement of stocks for export purposes; and

(e) if so, how Government propose to deal with the massive wheat stocks lying in the open in Punjab and Haryana?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Strikes by Organised Sector in the Country

*191. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the editorial which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the 23rd June, 1995, captioned "season of strikes"; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to meet the unreasonable strikes by organised labour in the country in order to save the process of liberalisation launched by Government?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 contains provisions for conciliation, arbitration and adjudication of industrial disputes and the industrial relations machinery intervenes promptly with a view to bringing about just and amicable settlements. The Act prohibits strikes under certain circumstances by both public utility services and others. Where a strike is declared illegal the Government takes necessary steps to prosecute the offenders. Government also takes appropriate action to ensure that essential services are not affected on account of illegal strikes.

NLC dues outstanding against TNEB

*192. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) how many million units were sold by Neyvelli Lignite Corporation to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the payments made by TNEB against the actual bill during the above period;

(c) the total outstanding amount due from TNEB till date; and

(d) the action taken by Neyvelli Lignite Corporation to recover the dues from TNEB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Million Units sold by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are indicated below:

Year	Million Units
1992-93	3418.16
1993-94	3526.40
1994-95	4324.65

(b) Payments by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board against the actual bills during the above period are as under:—

Year	(Rs. in crores)
1992-93	219.45
1993-94	281.55
1994-95	438.17

(c) Total outstanding amount due from Tamil Nadu Electricity Board to Neyveli